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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 9, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the **Group I** claims 1-16, drawn to a method of processing a semiconductor device, without traverse.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 520.41109X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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